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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 22, PARAGRAPH 2(A) AND (B), AND ARTICLE 26 OF THE CONVENTION

REVIEW OF REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION BY AFFECTED ASIAN COUNTRY PARTIES, INCLUDING ON THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS, AND ON EXPERIENCE GAINED AND RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PROGRAMMES

Note by the secretariat

1. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Conference of the Parties (COP) shall review the implementation of the Convention and its institutional arrangements. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to establish a committee for the review of the implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, and to adopt the terms of reference of the CRIC as contained in the annex to that decision. The COP also decided that the first session of the CRIC should review updates to reports already available and/or new reports and that the review should focus on specific thematic topics.

2. In accordance with the same decision, the secretariat has prepared a synthesis and preliminary analysis of these reports, setting out the trends emerging in the implementation of the Convention. A synthesis and preliminary analysis of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.1.

3. In accordance with decision 11/COP.1, the secretariat has compiled summaries of the reports. The summaries of reports from affected Asian country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.2.

4. Decision 1/COP.5 also requests the secretariat to take advantage of its ongoing activities at the regional and/or subregional levels to disseminate information stemming from its preliminary analysis and seek to obtain feedback with a view to enriching the Committee's work base. The regional and subregional feedback obtained at a meeting organized for the Asian region from 8 to 12 July 2002 in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, is presented in ICCD/CRIC(1)/3/Add.3.

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